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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced

as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, on July 15, 2008, I was called away on personal business. I regret that I was not present to vote on H.R. 5803, H. Res. 1090, and the Motion to Refer Mr. KUCINICH's Privileged Resolution Regarding an Article of Impeachment against the President to the Committee of Jurisdiction. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all votes.

AMERICANS NEED PRAGMATIC POLICIES

(Mr. SARBANES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SARBANES, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give voice to one of my constituents, Shalonda Fredderick, whose recent correspondence with my office reflects the struggle that's facing many Americans across my district and throughout the country.

Shalonda writes, "I'm sorry to disturb you. I don't know where else to turn. I'm 32 years old. I live with MS. I just started to receive SSDI of \$1,251 a month. I have applied for housing assistance. As of August 8, my rent will be \$860, plus we'll be paying \$30 for water, \$15 a month for BGE, plus I'm paying \$185 for school loans. That's my entire check

I've tried to find help, but all I hear is that I'm too young or not disabled enough. I don't think I deserve anything more than the average person, but I know unless I find help in six weeks when my lease ends, me and my dog will be homeless."

Mr. Speaker, we've been working with Shalonda to try to help her address these immediate problems, but what she needs are pragmatic policies to ensure that people like her never reach such a perilous point.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF "GRAN" ROBBIE JUANITA SEPOLEN

(Mr. CONAWAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to celebrate the wonderful and full life of Robbie "Gran" Juanita Sepolen.

In her 105 years on this Earth, Gran was a daughter, a wife, a mother, a foster parent, a student, a teacher, an acgrandmother, great-grandtivist. mother, great-great-grandmother, and even a great-great-great-grandmother, and most importantly, she was a devoted Christian. Her accomplishments are innumerable and the lives that she touched along the way are countless.

Growing up in Brownwood, Texas, Gran was part of the first graduating class from Brownwood Colored High School in 1918, later named the Rufus F. Hardin High School. After college, during a time of great bigotry against the African American race, Gran overcame those boundaries and shared her love of learning with others as a teacher and librarian in the Brownwood School District.

A true public servant, Gran used her rights as a voting citizen to help others find their voice by helping them register to vote. She was active in the senior citizen ministry as well, sharing her love of the arts in senior citizen centers throughout the county.

Gran never tired of meeting new people or learning new things, participating in numerous cultural events. and was even crowned the 2001 Cowboy of Color Rodeo Queen in Houston, Texas.

While we mourn the loss of such a unique and wonderful woman, we must also celebrate a life well lived and move forward knowing that Gran left footprints on the hearts of all that crossed her path.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Michael E. DeBakey on the eve of his funeral in Houston tomorrow.

We lost Dr. DeBakey just a few days ago. Many of us have come to know him as a major force in medical science for almost 100 years. He died at 99 years old, still, however, before his illness, going to his office, going to the medical center, and being a counsel